



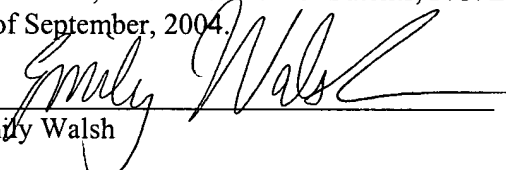
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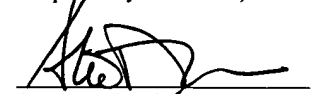
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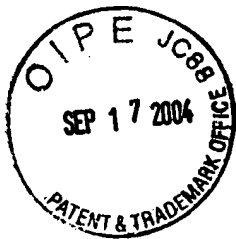
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office action mailed June 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response. Applicants believe that no fees are due, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** are found on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.